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Reply to Attn of:

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Women in Aerospace Breakfast, March 14, 2006

On March 14, 2006, Women in Aerospace (WIA) will host "Breakfast with Patti Grace Smith of the Office of Commercial Space Transportation within the FAA," at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington, DC. WIA is dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and increasing their visibility in the aerospace community. The event will be widely attended by approximately 150 people from other Federal Agencies, members of Congress, academia and industry representatives. The estimated cost of the breakfast which includes food and beverage is between \$40 and \$50 per person. The event will permit industry representatives to meet with employees of the executive and legislative branches of government to hear a speech from Patti Grace Smith. Ms. Smith will talk about the FAA's contribution to future Space explorations.

I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect WIA, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the breakfast for themselves and their spouses or guests.


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